

DATE: March 7, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest – Rate-of-Return Areas
Project Telephone Company**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Project Telephone Company hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved and underserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding. Project Telephone Company is a rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carrier serving rural areas of South Central Montana and Northern Wyoming, and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

Project Telephone Company proposes to build out broadband to 1000 unserved and underserved premises within the regulated service territory within census tracts 30009000400 and 56029965300.

Proposed Broadband Service

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of 3 Mbps downstream/768 kbps upstream provided over a Hybrid Fiber/Wireless network.

Funding

Project Telephone Company estimates construction costs to be a total of \$5,000,000. Project Telephone Company requests a one-time support in the amount of \$5,000,000 from the Connect America Fund and the company will provide ongoing support and maintenance of the network.

Project Telephone Company expects service to be offered to all unserved and underserved customers within twelve months after construction starts.

Project Telephone Company appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.



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